

Klyuchkovych A. Civil society in modern Slovakia: peculiarities and problems of functioning

The institutional, legal, organizational, financial conditions of functioning of civil society in the Slovak Republic are highlighted in the article.

The author focuses on the peculiarities of the activities of non-governmental organizations. The quantitative and qualitative characteristics of non-governmental organizations are analyzed.

The problematic aspects of functioning of civil society in modern Slovakia are singled out: imperfect legal regulation of the activities of non-governmental organizations; unfinished construction of an institutional mechanism for interaction with the state; weak integration of the non-governmental sector into the system of decision-making; fragmentation of non-governmental organizations; limited financial resources and instability of the activities of civic organizations; growing distrust of the political elite, parties and mechanisms of democracy; increase of political apathy of citizens; reduction of civic participation; activation of subjects of uncivil society (radicals and extremists).

Relations between the government and the third sector in Slovak Republic were difficult for different approaches of the ruling coalition to cooperate with public organizations. The role of non-governmental organizations in the struggle against authoritarian tendencies in 1994-1998 was emphasized.

The attention is focused on the negative trends of social development in Slovakia that require the attention of the state and civil society.

Key words: Slovak Republic, civil society, non-governmental organizations, civic participation, democratization.